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Date: 08 MAR 1978 By: **A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS**

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Mrs. came over to talk about the paper on LAS organization they are preparing for the Management Staff.

2. SE Division has asked us to start a one-hour-a-day beginning Greek course for three persons. We have notified Mrs. in accord with her wishes, and she will determine whether or not other DDP persons can be included.

3. In addition to my regular staff meeting of deputies and department heads, I have asked each department to have staff meetings partly with a view to creating more of an esprit de corps and feeling of participation by contract instructors.

4. Consultations have been provided on a variety of individual language training requirements and interests: French, Persian, Pushtu, Bengali.

5. has approved employment of Mrs. She will be a great help to us. With her assistance and one more person we can strengthen our two present full-time courses and add part-time training for which we already have significant requirements. I suspect that Chinese now can be our next program to come to the top—as, indeed, it should be.

6. We are disappointed to have a "turn down" on a professionally highly qualified scientific linguist we had recruited to fill the gap created by transfer to the Asian and African Languages Department. We are now looking again.

7. We are again grateful for Nancy's continuous efforts to assist us with our continuous clerical problem—this time in arranging assignment here of a girl designated to replace

8. Individual reports from my three deputies are attached.

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FROM : Deputy for Plans, Research and Administration

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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. The LAS Language Laboratory installed two machines for OCI, to be used until their own machines come.
2. With the generous assistance of members of the LAS clerical staff and of members of the A&E Testing staff, language testing on a large scale is being successfully carried out over last week and this. 353 people have been tested up to this time. With the onset of this period of large-scale testing, it has become apparent that the Language Development Branch assumed too heavy a program for the limited size of their staff. However, with the curtailment of special testing and with re-apportionment of the work load, present obstacles or weaknesses are being overcome.

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FROM : Deputy for Language Training

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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. On Monday 7 April, the full-time Czech course began with an enrollment of 2 students. EE has loaned LAS an instructor for the course who will be serving on a half-time basis.

2. 8 students are enrolled in German Basic Speaking which began on Monday. This will make it advisable to divide the class into two sections for most of their classroom work. The Basic course together with the Intermediate Integrated course gives a total of 13 students in full-time German courses. 12 of the students are from EE Division.

3. German Basic Reading began also on Monday with four students, with another late enrollment bringing the total to five by Friday. German Reading Workshop will begin on Thursday with 5 students.

4. [redacted] a prospective Chinese language instructor to assist [redacted] who is the wife of a staff employee, was born and educated in China, and has previously worked for the Agency as a contract employee. She was considered a good prospect by all who interviewed her, and if she and we come to mutually satisfactory salary arrangements we shall ask for approval to employ her on a full-time contract basis.

5. Six students are enrolled for the 20 week full-time French Basic Speaking beginning 7 April. In addition, there is sufficient enrollment to begin four part-time courses on 7 April, three in French and 1 in Romanian.

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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

25X1 1. Hungary - Basic Country Survey #1 is drawing unexpectedly large numbers of auditors. A capacity audience of 15 students and 15 auditors heard Dr. Frank [] of EE present a highly professional lecture on the Magyars and their language. Nearly as large an audience heard Mr. Ernest Jackman of Army Map Service discuss strategic and economic aspects of the geography of Hungary. A growing number of inquiries about the course indicates again the extent of the time lag between our publicity on a new course (mid-March in this case) and a general Agency awareness of its existence.

25X1 2. [] are enjoying their first experience of teaching area historical and contemporary materials in language classes. [] takes the new Integrated Language/Area (full-time intermediate French) course on France daily for an hour and also assists [] in the similar course in German on Germany, which is under [] direction. [] is working on a French lecture in the series which will tie into the integrated course on France, and [] has given 25X1 an introductory lecture on German history in German. He will also lecture next week on the History of Hungary in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

25X1 3. Area-knowledgeable Agency personnel with high proficiency in spoken French are being invited into the integrated course on France to lead discussions on topics related to class assignments. Discussions have included: 25X1 [] of FI Staff on De Gaulle's chances of returning to power, as well 25X1 as the Algerian problem; [] Deputy Chief of the [] DDP, on French institutions before 1914; Mrs. [] of FE on the royalist cause today in France; and [] of NEA (next week) on intellectual and social trends before 1914.

25X1 4. Second offering of Economic Geography of the Soviet Bloc began with 7 students. ORR had initially requested this course for about 70 students, and only 30-odd were enrolled in the first offering.

6. We have a written request from TO/RR for a special offering of Western Europe - Americans Abroad Orientation, the week of 23 June, for a total of 8 employees and dependents assigned to [REDACTED]. This course had been abandoned after several cancellations of regular offerings. Additional enrollment possibilities will be explored.

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7. [REDACTED] is attending the Johns Hopkins meeting at the Statler Hotel, 9-10 April, on South and Southeast Asia. One item of possible interest, in the light of OTR's growing interest in "overseasmanship," was the announcement that ICA has contracted with Johns Hopkins to provide 4-5 months training for 20 young men as "program officers" who will service ICA's projects in foreign countries. This announcement, in the context of the conference, seemed to emphasize again the growing awareness, in and outside the government, of the need to train American persons for overseas responsibilities.

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